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German Patent No. DE 3834602 C2 is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a language other than English. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document, an English language version of a search report from the German Patent Office in a corresponding application citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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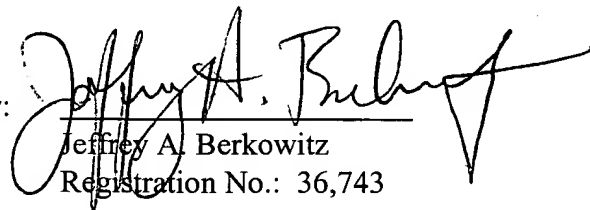
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